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INTRODUCTION TO THE DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

We are pleased to present this Directory of Services for the Blind to consumers, organizations serving special populations, and interested individuals. This directory has been compiled jointly by the Maryland School for the Blind and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Maryland State Department of Education. We hope it will become a valuable resource to blind individuals, their friends and relatives, professional personnel, and other service providers in locating and obtaining desired services or information.

We are grateful for the many helpful suggestions regarding both the content and format of this directory which were supplied by the agencies actually listed in the document. Likewise, we wish to acknowledge the assistance of agencies and organizations such as the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the Division of Library Development and Services, the Division of Special Education of the Maryland State Department of Education, and staff members of both the Maryland School for the Blind and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The Governor's Office for Coordination of Services to the Handicapped in summarizing a review of state services to the blind and visually impaired of Maryland noted that a great variety of services are available to blind individuals, but a lack of a centralized source of information about such resources has limited and discouraged use of these services. Hence, the creation of a directory or source book was recommended in which each service area could be listed and identified with the agency or organization providing that particular type of assistance.

In compiling the data for this directory a conscious effort was made to reproduce the lists of services provided and other supporting information exactly as it was reported by the participating agencies and organizations. However, in making use of this resource book it should be borne in mind that no attempt was made to evaluate the effectiveness of agency service or to verify reported service. Neither was it possible to carry out on-site visits to service providers described in this directory.

While we believe that this compilation is respresentative of those agencies and organizations which can provide meaningful services to blind and visually impaired Marylanders the directory is by no means all inclusive. Since it is our desire to continually enhance the value of this document as a resource for the visually impaired, efforts will be made to periodically update the directory. We, therefore, invite any additional agencies or organizations which provide service to this disability group to contact us should they wish to be included in the directory at a future date, or to regularly report changes or modifications to included listings.

We wish to extend our appreciation to all of the agencies and organizations who have chosen to participate in this project. Because of their collective interest and cooperation, it has been possible to compile a service directory which we believe will have a significant impact on the awareness among blind people of where and how to obtain the types of information and services which they may require.

Since it will be beneficial to have this directory as widely disseminated as possible, we encourage anyone who wishes to do so to reproduce the document either in part or in whole in order to enhance its distribution among the various communities throughout the state.

Individuals desiring copies of the directory may obtain them by contacting either the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Maryland School for the Blind.

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EXPLANATION OF SECTIONS

AGENCY: The name of the overall agency, program, association, etc. It may include a specific office or department which needs to be noted in contacting the agency.

ADDRESS: In most cases this will be the actual street address where the agency is located, however, some addresses are mailing or administrative locations only. In some cases programs may be located in local branch offices which will be listed.

TELEPHONE: The number listed includes the area code and is the number for the main office or general office number. It should be noted this number may not be the number to be called when applying for services; individuals should follow directions in APPLYING FOR SERVICES section. TTY capability will be listed based upon information provided by the agency.

PROGRAM/SERVICES: A written description of the overall focus of the agency. This section may not always list all the services provided by an agency due to format limitations. An individual should contact the agency for additional information if there is a question.

ELIGIBILITY: A listing of the requirements an individual must meet to be served by the agency. Some agencies may have no requirements in some areas of eligibility. If there is a question an individual should contact the agency for additional information.
AGE: some programs serve only certain age groups.
GEOGRAPHIC AREA: some programs may serve only one county or a specific geographic area.
HANDICAPPING CONDITION: some programs may serve only one specific handicap.

APPLYING FOR SERVICES: Specific instructions for obtaining services are provided. In many cases calling or writing is the first step. The phone number and department or office to ask for is listed. If writing the agency, the address, unless special instructions are noted, in the address section should be used. In some cases individuals are advised of specific information or certification that will be needed in their application. In some cases individuals must be referred to another agency. Specific names of contact people are not provided due to changes which may occur; however, specific offices or departments are provided.

EXPLANATION OF SECTIONS

OFFICE HOURS:	Listed are the hours and days of the week in which the administrative office will be open and which should be considered when applying for services or contacting the agency. In some cases hours of programs may also be listed.
FEES:	Listed are the charges for services provided. In some cases there is no charge to the individual; others may have fixed or standard charges; others have a sliding or variable charge. Information on insurance coverage, medical assistance, and other third party payment should be obtained by contacting the agency directly if there is a question since this varies greatly among agencies.
TRANSPORTATION:	A yes or no listing if public transportation serves the address listed in the address section. A yes indicates public transportation comes within two blocks of the agency.
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	A yes indicates the building listed in the address section has been reported as physically accessible.

AGENCY:	Affiliated Leadership League of and for the Blind of America
ADDRESS:	1200 15th Street, N.W., Suite 205 Washington, D.C. 20005
TELEPHONE:	(202) 775-8261
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency is a coalition of consumer and provider organizations serving the blind and visually impaired. Primary function is advocacy, testimony is provided before congressional committees, advice given to federal agencies and private organizations on the needs and rights of the blind. Bi-monthly newsletter and an annual meeting are additional functions of the agency.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Visually impaired and blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may call (202) 775-8261 for information about the organization.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Allegany County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	108 Washington Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502
TELEPHONE:	(301) 759-2065
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The agency provides an itinerant teacher to serve the visually handicapped in Allegany County. This teacher provides Level 2 services to students in the degree developed on the Individual Education Program. Assessments of visually impaired students follow the same procedure for regular students.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth to age 21 or graduation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Allegany County Handicapping Condition: Serves all handicaps as defined by Public School Laws - By-law 13.04.01.02
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call office (301) 759-2065 and give information concerning the client. Student will be picked up through the child find procedures of the county.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc.
ADDRESS:	206 N. Washington Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314
TELEPHONE:	(703) 548-1884
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A professional membership organization providing information on careers in the field of blindness. Provides information and referral to appropriate agencies and consumer organizations.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: International (most members from U.S. and Canada) Handicapping Condition: Not applicable, no direct services to clients.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may telephone (703) 548-1884 or write to the office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Brotherhood for the Blind
ADDRESS:	1800 Johnson Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-9315
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A National charitable and educational foundation which provides a variety of services to the blind. Among the services are publication of books with raised illustrations, twin vision books, scholarships, "Hot-line to Deaf/Blind" (publication of news in braille bi-weekly), aids and devices, braille calendars, and great documents.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Blindness.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call office (301) 659-9315 for information and explanation of services.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	None
TRANSPORTATION:	Public transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Civil Liberties Union
ADDRESS:	744 Dulaney Valley Court Towson, Maryland 21204
TELEPHONE:	(301) 337-9233
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides legal services in the defense of constitutional rights against government agencies.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call office (301) 337-9233.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Council of the Blind, Inc.
ADDRESS:	1211 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. #506 Washington, D.C. 20036
TELEPHONE:	(202) 833-1251
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A national membership organization composed primarily of blind and visually impaired persons. The Council is committed to improving the living conditions of blind and visually impaired people by promoting their independent and effective participation as citizens in all aspects of society. National office coordinates activities through 51 state affiliates and 16 special interest and professional affiliated organizations.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 18 or older for general membership under 18 for junior membership Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Blindness, visual impairment (all persons are eligible for membership whether visually impaired or not)
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may write or phone office in Washington Metropolitan area (202) 833-1251 or toll free 1-800-424-8666
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Council of the Blind Parents
ADDRESS:	Route A, Box 78 Franklin, Louisiana 70538
TELEPHONE:	(318) 836-9780
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Encourages sharing of information among members and other interested individuals about parent-child relationships through a quarterly newsletter and arranging direct parent-to-parent contacts. Association also provides advocacy, support, outreach, and information.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Parents who are sighted with children who are blind or visually impaired and multiply handicapped or parents who are blind or visually impaired whose children are blind or visually impaired or sighted.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact council for membership application - Toll Free 1-800-424-8666
OFFICE HOURS:	N/A
FEES:	membership dues
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	N/A

AGENCY:	American Diabetes Association Maryland Affiliate, Inc.
ADDRESS:	3701 Old Court Road Baltimore, Maryland 21208
TELEPHONE:	(301) 486-5516
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides professional, patient, and public education, screening, and referral services. Sponsors Camp Glyndon (summer camp) for children with diabetes. Contributions are made in the area of research. Staff includes nurse and dietician.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Diabetes Mellitus
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may phone 486-5515, 486-5516, or write the agency.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge; professional literature in quantity: fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Foundation for the Blind
ADDRESS:	15 W. 16th Street New York, New York 10011
TELEPHONE:	(212) 620-2000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A national, non-profit organization providing both direct and technical assistance services, including guidance and consultation to blind and visually impaired persons and their families; professionals in the field, community agencies, organizations, schools, and corporations. Also serves as a clearinghouse for information about blindness and promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare services for the blind and multiply impaired deaf-blind children and adults.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Blindness and visual impairment.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may receive information on the organization by calling (212) 620-2000.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	American Printing House for the Blind
ADDRESS:	1839 Frankford Street Louisville, Kentucky 40206
TELEPHONE:	(502) 895-2405
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Publishes and manufactures a full range of materials for the blind and visually impaired.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: Visual impairments and blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may contact State Department of Education or School for the Blind in their locality or may telephone (502) 895-2405 or write to company directly.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind
ADDRESS:	1321 Eutaw Place Baltimore, Maryland 21217
TELEPHONE:	(301) 523-6396
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a boarding home for blind adults.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 21 or older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 523-6396 or 233-4567 extension 254 in order to obtain an admission application. Admission process includes application, eye report, recent physical examination and interview.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Anne Arundel Board of Education Office of Special Education
ADDRESS:	2644 Riva Road Annapolis, Maryland 21401
TELEPHONE:	(301) 224-5474
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides special education programs and related services to students of Anne Arundel County.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Birth - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Anne Arundel County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Student must be referred through the school system.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Anne Arundel County Office for the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	94 Franklin Street Annapolis, Maryland 21401
TELEPHONE:	(301) 224-1503 TTY (301) 268-1616
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Office provides information and referral for all disabilities. Focus is upon providing assistance in locating needed information and service.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Anne Arundel County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may telephone office (301) 224-1503 or TTY (301) 268-1616 or write for information.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 - 4:00 Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No response
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No response

AGENCY:	Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks Department
ADDRESS:	Box 1831 Annapolis, Maryland 21404
TELEPHONE:	(301) 987-9600
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides leisure services for special populations. Activities include swimming, ballet, creative drama, drop-in centers, social clubs and a summer day camp for mentally retarded, learning disabled youths and physically disabled youth.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: to age 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Anne Arundel County Handicapping Condition: Mental retardation, learning disabled, physically disabled
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may contact the office by telephone 987-9600 or 621-9552 or by writing.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge; sliding scale for summer camp
TRANSPORTATION:	No, except for camp
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Associated Catholic Charities
ADDRESS:	Central Office 320 Cathedral Street Baltimore, MD 21201 Central Maryland Office Seton Center 16840 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, MD 21727 Western Maryland Office 925 Bishop Walsh Road Cumberland, MD 21502
TELEPHONE:	(301) 547-5508 - Central Office (301) 447-6740 - Central Maryland Office (301) 777-8685 - Cumberland Office
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides a full range of services including direct services to those in need, social action and advocacy, and education in the areas of social services and social justice. Programs including aging services, residential care for youth and senior citizens, services to family & children, mental health services, emergency and community services, advocacy services and various related services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Reside in Archdiocese of Baltimore i.e., Baltimore City and nine surrounding counties (Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, Howard, Frederick, Alleghany, Garrett, Washington) Handicapping Condition: No response
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should call program which they feel is appropriate requesting to speak to an intake worker. Child care institutions and programs located outside the central office may be contacted directly.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
FEES:	Varies with program
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Associated Placement and Guidance Service
ADDRESS:	5750 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215
TELEPHONE:	(301) 466-9200 ext. 190
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides career counseling and employment counseling information about world of work, schools, and training. Provides assistance in job interviewing techniques, job search skills, and resumes. May refer to other agencies for vocational evaluation and work adjustment training.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Maryland Handicapping Condition: Emotionally disturbed, learning disabled, physically handicapped clients whose handicap leads to difficulties with work.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should telephone (301) 466-9200 ext. 190 for an appointment.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge for registration, no one denied service due to inability to pay.
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped
ADDRESS:	206 N. Washington Street Alexandria, Virginia 22314
TELEPHONE:	(703) 836-6060
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Professional organization serving individuals and groups involved with the education of blind and visually impaired children.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: International (most members are from Canada and the United States) Handicapping Condition: Visual Impairments
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may phone or write for membership application for (703) 836-6060.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge for membership depending upon category
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore Association for Retarded Citizens, Inc.
ADDRESS:	4800 York Road Baltimore, Maryland 21212
TELEPHONE:	(301) 323-5600
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides programs and services to mentally retarded adults 21 and older. Vocational centers focus upon personal, social, and pre-vocational skill training. Other programs include employment training and residential, along with related support services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 21 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City and Baltimore County Handicapping Condition: Mental Retardation as primary disability, accompanying handicaps accepted, i.e., blindness, deafness, cerebral palsy, epilepsy.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Telephone 323-5600 ask for social services, request and application.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Served by public transportation (bus)
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore Association for the Visually Handicapped
ADDRESS:	130 Hamilton Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 332-1500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Association provides referral, taping, reading and brailling, a retail store offering aids and appliances, and advice on rights of the handicapped.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Greater Baltimore Area Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may telephone (301) 332-1500 or write or come to office.
OFFICE HOURS:	10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge; fixed charge for aids and appliances
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Baltimore Braille Association
ADDRESS:	954 Forrest Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 837-2135 ext. 380, 381
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides brailled material both transcribed and duplicated, repair of Braille writers, tape duplication and recording.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: Visual
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 837-2135 ext. 380 or 381
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Cost of material only
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore City Board of Education
ADDRESS:	2300 N. Calvert Street Baltimore, Maryland 21218
TELEPHONE:	(301) 396-6995
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides educational programs for pre-school through secondary level. Schools may be level I - V with support in braille, mobility, and optic services. If required, the child would be eligible for services in the public schools in the areas of occupational therapy, physical therapy, language, learning disabilities, hearing impaired, retardation, emotional disability, autism, and other areas.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 2 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City Handicapping Condition: Vision
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may be referred directly to central office by calling Office of Exceptional Children (301) 396-6995 or child may be referred through school screenings.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore City Bureau of Recreation & Parks Services for the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	6401 Beckley Street Baltimore, Maryland 21224
TELEPHONE:	(301) 633-7127
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides recreational programming and summer camping designed to meet the needs of special need groups.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 2 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City and Dundalk Handicapping Condition: Mental retardation, physical handicap, hearing impairment & visual impairment, multi-handicapped.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should call (301) 633-7127 or (302) 633-4051
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	6901 N. Charles Street Towson, Maryland 21204
TELEPHONE:	(301) 494-4225
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive educational assessment and direct instructional and related services to students who are residents of Baltimore County and who have been confirmed as being handicapped and in need of special education and/or related services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: infant - 20 yrs Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore County Handicapping Condition: All handicapping conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact the community elementary or secondary school through the Admission, Review, and Dismissal Chairperson. This may be done by phoning or writing the local community school.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Baltimore County Board of Education Vision Program
ADDRESS:	10401 Greenside Drive Cockeysville, MD 21030
TELEPHONE:	(301) 666-0500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides services from Level I through Level V including consultation, itinerant and resource room for children whose primary handicap is visual. Children in special schools or classes due to multiple handicaps receive services within those settings.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore County Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment of 20/70 or less in better eye after correction. All other handicapping conditions may be in addition to visual impairment.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact local school and register the child. School will determine the services needed through team meetings.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Central Special Education Center

AGENCY:	Baltimore's Radio Reading Service
ADDRESS:	Room 158 B, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue Community College of Baltimore Baltimore, Maryland 21215
TELEPHONE:	(301) 396-0990
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides daily reading of newspapers, books and magazines to the visually and physically handicapped. This includes food ads, help wanted ads, and other printed material that is not otherwise available. The service operates on a closed circuit basis to individuals who are provided a receiver set.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Central Maryland Handicapping Condition: Any visual and/or physical limitation that prevents someone from reading regular print material.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call or write the agency requesting an application. Individuals not already receiving talking books will have to have certification of visual impairment.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding scale - no one denied service due to lack of funds
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind
ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 428 Lewistown, Pennsylvania 17044
TELEPHONE:	(717) 242-1113
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a recreational summer camp for the blind and visually impaired.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 6 - 90 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Pennsylvania and surrounding states Handicapping Condition: Blind and visually handicapped
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should request registration forms by calling or writing office (717) 242-1113. Each application will be evaluated and receive a reply.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Blind Industries and Services of Maryland
ADDRESS:	2901 Strickland Street Baltimore, Maryland 21223
TELEPHONE:	(301) 233-4567
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides pre-vocational training in skill areas such as braille, cane travel, wood shop, typing, cooking, and sewing. Counseling and group discussions assist individual toward a positive attitude about blindness. Offers vocational training through the vending, switchboard, and secretarial science programs. Job couseling is provided. Employment is offered through Industries program.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 18 years and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Blindness, blindness & other handicaps, multiply-handicapped blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 233-4567 requesting Rehabilitation Division. Procedure includes intake interview, tour of facility, completion of application, release of information form, providing medical information and eye report. Each individual who feels this program is appropriate will be placed on waiting list.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Blind Rehabilitation Service (124) Veterans Administration Central Office
ADDRESS:	810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20420
TELEPHONE:	(202) 389-3232
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The Veteran's Administration offers a total rehabilitation program to the veteran. Services and areas included in the program are orientation and mobility, communication courses, manual skills, activities of daily living, evaluation of remaining vision, physical conditioning, recreation, social services, family program, group meetings, appliances and aids. Most services are provided only in hospitals where blind centers are located. Blind Rehabilitation Centers are located in Birmingham, Alabama; Hines, Illinois; Palo Alto, California; and West Haven, Connecticut. Blind Rehabilitation Clinics are located in Northampton, Massachusetts; Tacoma, Washington; and Waco, Texas. For further information call the Central Office.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Veteran Sex: Both Geographic Area: National and United States Handicapping Condition: Blindness and low vision
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact nearest VA Medical Center, ask for Visual Impairment Services Team Coordinator located in the social work services office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Blinded Veterans Association
ADDRESS:	1735 DeSales Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
TELEPHONE:	(202) 347-4010
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Field Service Program provides assistance in obtaining rehabilitation training, benefits from Veterans Administration and other Federal and State agencies. Outreach Employment Program provides assistance in obtaining vocational training and employment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Veteran Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Legal Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Veteran should contact national office by mail or may call collect to either Field Service Program or Outreach Employment Program (202) 347-4010.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Calvert County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Dares Beach Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678
TELEPHONE:	(301) 535-1700
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Individuals will be provided services in accordance with their educational plan. This may include academic, social, self-care, communications, and work related skills.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 20 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Calvert County School District Handicapping Condition: Mental retardation, specific learning disability, speech impairment, visually handicapped, emotionally disturbed, multi-handicapped, orthopedically, and other health impairment.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may make referral through individual schools or through Central Office Management Team or telephone (301) 535-1700.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Caroline Committee for the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	Route 328, Box 94 Denton, Maryland 21629
TELEPHONE:	(301) 479-0212
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides information and referral services along with increasing public awareness through public education.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Caroline County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call the office (301) 479-0212
OFFICE HOURS:	Telephone is located in private home
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Caroline County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	112 Market Street Denton, Maryland 21629
TELEPHONE:	(301) 479-1460
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides services through public school system.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Caroline County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call (301) 479-1460 or contact local school. (302) 633-4051
OFFICE HOURS:	8:15 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Carroll County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	55 N. Court Street Westminister, Maryland 21157
TELEPHONE:	(301) 848-8280 ext. 251
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides public education program including braille, low vision training, typing, tutorial services, and various school activities.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Carroll County Handicapping Condition: Legaly blind - visually impaired
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call the office of Child Find, Division of Special Education (301) 848-8280 ext. 252
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Catonsville Community College Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired
ADDRESS:	800 S. Rolling Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228
TELEPHONE:	(301) 455-4714
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive services and support to the student through counseling, assessment, financial aid and advice, and career development. Provides reader and tutorial assistance along with a variety of technical appliances such as: Visualtek, Thermoform, Total Talk computer terminal, and braille printer. Placement into career courses and training lead to various degree options, including computer, secretarial, and business.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 16 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Serves Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and other neighboring counties Handicapping Condition: Blind and visual impairment
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call for information or to make an appointment 455-4714 or 455-4719.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No additional charge for special services
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Cecil County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Booth Street Elkton, Maryland 21921
TELEPHONE:	(301) 398-0400
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides special education and related services to visually impaired students through the Individual Educational Plan.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Cecil County Handicapping Condition: All, as required by law.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may telephone (301) 398-0400.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	None
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Charles County Board of Education Department of Special Education
ADDRESS:	LaPlata, Maryland 20646
TELEPHONE:	(301) 375-8171
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The program for the visually impaired provides service to students with visual handicaps severe enough to affect them educationally and a visual acuity of no greater than 20/70 in the better eye with correction. Services include remedial and academic assistance, specially adapted educational materials, teaching of braille, typing, listening skills, use of low vision aids, development of visual efficiency skills, counseling and guidance to students, parents and teacher.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Charles County Handicapping Condition: A visual acuity of no greater than 20/70 with correction in the better eye which affects the child educationally.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Referrals to Special Education may be made by parent, school, or medical personnel by calling (301) 375-8171.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Child Center
ADDRESS:	10611 Tenbrook Drive Silver Spring, Maryland 21901
TELEPHONE:	(301) 593-8822
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides programs in special education and early childhood education. Related support services include physical, occupational, speech and language, water, and feeding therapies. Medical evaluation and parent advocacy are also provided.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 17 months to 6 years Sex: Both Geographic Area: Montgomery County Handicapping Condition: Neurologically impaired, multi-handicapped, cerebral palsy, spinabifida, arthrognyposis, chromogomal abnormalities.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call Montgomery County Public Schools 279-3181 to arrange for an admission, review, dismissal meeting. All referrals are made through Montgomery County Public Schools.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Variable - tuition and transportation assistance through Montgomery County Public Schools
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Children's Developmental Clinic
ADDRESS:	7201 Rossville Blvd. Essex, Maryland 21237
TELEPHONE:	(301) 522-1287
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The Clinic is concerned with improving the "total fitness for living of the children." Primary approach is in terms of motor skill acquisition through a controlled movement psycho-social environment. Children may gain awareness of body skills, increase self confidence, social skills, foster emotional development and intellectual curiousity. Increase basic efficiency, stamina, and power of the human body.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No response Sex: Both Geographic Area: Statewide Handicapping Condition: Referrals have included children who have faulty neuromuscular control, small motor and large motor coordination difficulties, emotional, mental, and physical handicaps. Recently children with specific learning disabilities and children with minimal brain dysfunctioning have been enrolled.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual child should be referred to clinic by professional.
OFFICE HOURS:	Monday - Thursday
FEES:	Fixed charge and sliding scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	The Chimes, Inc.
ADDRESS:	1802 Thornbury Road Baltimore, Maryland 21209
TELEPHONE:	(301) 466-4400
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a comprehensive developmental continum of education (for students 5 - 21), adult training, and adult residential services. Services include training in self-care, daily living activities, communication, functional learning, pre-vocational and vocational training. Each individual is assessed and the program is based upon individual's needs and strengths. Focus is to assist each individual in living as normal a life as possible.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 5 or older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City and Baltimore County Handicapping Condition: Primary handicapping condition must be retardation. Additional handicaps are considered on individual basis and may be accepted.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Services for children may be obtained by contacting the principal of the school program. Services for adults contact the coordinator of intake and admissions. Call 466-4400 requesting appropriate department. Applications and medical forms will be sent to the applicant. (There is a waiting list for adult services and residential services).
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding scale. Adults are charged an annual lunch fee
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	One of the adult training facilities is barrier free

AGENCY:	Client Assistance Project Maryland State Department of Education
ADDRESS:	501 St. Paul Place, Room 1308 Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-2713
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides assistance to Vocational Rehabilitation clients or applicants in understanding the Vocational Rehabilitation process and receiving appropriate rehabilitation services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City, Baltimore, Prince George's, Montgomery, Harford Counties Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call, write, or visit office. Individual may also be referred by parent, guardian or community agency. Baltimore City, Baltimore and Harford Counties 659-2713, TTY 659-2714.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation at Baltimore City Office
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind
ADDRESS:	1421 P. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005
TELEPHONE:	(202) 462-2900
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides on-going comprehensive services to the Washington D.C. community, directed toward improving the quality of life for its blind people. Services include rehabilitation, community services, vocational evaluation, industrial operations, infant and child development, and low vision aids.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Metropolitan Washington area Handicapping Condition: Agency serves individuals who are legally blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals interested in obtaining services should call the agency. Intake worker will respond to the individual's needs - 492-2900
OFFICE HOURS:	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Community College of Baltimore Center for Educational Services
ADDRESS:	2901 Liberty Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215
TELEPHONE:	(301) 396-0004
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides services to handicapped students to assist them academically. Tutorial services are available on an as needed basis.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: College Students Sex: Both Geographic Area: Primarily serves Baltimore City with campuses located at Liberty Heights and Inner Harbor. Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Upon registration for classes individual should contact Facilitator for Handicapped Students in order to discuss services available by calling (301) 396-0004 or visiting room 126 Liberty Campus.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No additional charge for special services
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Council for Exceptional Children
ADDRESS:	1920 Association Drive Reston, Virginia 22091
TELEPHONE:	(703) 620-3660
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A national professional organization that works on behalf of all children with special educational needs. Provides information on the education of exceptional children through various publications, maintains collection of special education literature, along with clearinghouse educational resources information center. Sponsors workshops, conferences, training, technical assistance in the area of exceptional children. Coordinates political action network along with information and assistance to legislators.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States and Canada Handicapping Condition: Collects and publishes professional literature on special education (all handicaps as well as gifted).
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Information about membership and services call be obtained by calling (703) 620-3660
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Membership fees vary depending on type
TRANSPORTATION:	Public transportation within walking distance
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Building is accessible to the handicapped.

AGENCY:	D.C. General Hospital Handicapped & Crippled Children's Services
ADDRESS:	19th and Massachusetts Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20003
TELEPHONE:	(202) 675-5214
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides diagnosis, treatment and long term follow-up for handicapped or multiply handicapped children. Assist with social and emotional problems related to handicap or interfering with treatment. Provides a full range of clinics addressing specific handicaps along with related support services including physical and occupational therapy, social work, psychology, medical and public health nurses. Special pre-school groups are offered for orthopedically handicapped children and language impaired children.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth to 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Diagnostic Services - no limits Treatment Services - D.C. residents (except amputee program) Handicapping Condition: Multiple, orthopedic and neuro-muscular amputees, cardiac, visual defects, communication disorders, neurological (including convulsive disorders) cleft lip, cleft palate, dentofacial, cerebral palsy, certain congenital deformities, retardation if mental retardation is not primary handicap.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call appointment desk (202) 675-5214, Ophthalmology (202) 675-5245, Speech and Hearing (202) 675-7324
OFFICE HOURS:	8:15 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge for outpatients Sliding scale for appliances
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	D. C. Society for Crippled Children, Inc. Girard Street Center
ADDRESS:	2800 13th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009
TELEPHONE:	(202) 232-2342
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Therapeutic day school serves 40 children from birth to 4 years with any handicapping condition. An additional 20 children are served in home based programs and the out-patient therapy program. The three components provide various combinations of the following services: diagnostic, educational prescriptive program, physical, occupational, speech and language therapies, parent programs, graduate student training, therapeutic aquatics, volunteer training and respite care placement. Medical services for adults and children include pediatric screening, orthopedic clinics, brace clinics and neurology. An equipment loan program provides wheel chairs, crutches, and walkers.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: varies with program Sex: Both Geographic Area: District of Columbia, metropolitan area Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may call (202) 232-2342 for day school admission information, ask for center coordinator. Appointment will be set for initial screening.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Provided within District of Columbia
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	D.C. Society for Crippled Children, Inc. Kilby Easter Seal Center
ADDRESS:	6400 Laurel-Bowie Road Bowie, Maryland 20715
TELEPHONE:	(301) 262-5550
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a full range of services to the physically disabled individual including speech and language therapy, physical and occupational therapy, counseling, psychometric testing, recreation/leisure activities, and stroke club.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit (generally Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, Montgomery, St. Mary's Counties and Washington D.C.) Disabling Condition: Any physical disability
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should phone the center at (301) 262-5550
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Variable
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	D.C. Society for Crippled Children, Inc. South East Center
ADDRESS:	3640 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20032
TELEPHONE:	(202) 562-7112
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides educational and therapy services for 40 children and their families through therapeutic preschool, out-patient therapy, and home intervention program. Children from birth to four years with any handicapping condition are served. The various services include a comprehensive diagnostic educational prescriptive program, occupational, physical, speech & language therapies, parent training and counseling programs, therapeutic aquatics, volunteer training, equipment loan, transportation, nutritious breakfasts, out-patient speech, physical and occupational therapy. Students also receive screening by pediatric consultants and are eligible to attend orthopedic, brace, and neurological clinics.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: varies with program Sex: Both Geographic Area: Southeast Washington D.C. nearby Maryland areas (transportation pertains to D.C. only) Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may call (202) 562-7112 requesting center coordinator for school admission information. Agency, parent, and medical referrals accepted. Appointments are made for initial screening.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding Scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Providing within D.C. boundaries
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No Response

AGENCY:	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Maryland State Department of Education
ADDRESS:	200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-2260
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides evaluation (medical, psychological, and vocational), pre-vocational and vocational training, counseling and guidance, provides for medical and psycholgical services as needed, job placement and follow-up, and post job placement services to individual who have disabilities which constitute a substantial handicap to employment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: None Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Physical or mental handicaps where such conditions constitute a substantial handicap to employment.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should supply any local office with the following information: name, social security number, date of birth, address and phone number (if available) and a brief description of the nature of the disabling condition(s). Referrals are accepted from any source and should, if possible, furnish some documentation relating to the disability. Individuals may call office of Services for the Blind (301) 659-2260 or any local office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except State Holidays)
FEES:	No charge for some services, sliding scale for others
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes
LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:	<u>Allegany County</u> DVR Regional Health Center Willowbrook Road, P.O. Box 192 Cumberland, Maryland 21502

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Anne Arundel County:

DVR
60 West Street, Suite 202
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

DVR
District Court Building
7500 Ritchie Highway
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Baltimore County

DVR
Investment Building
1 Investment Place, Suite G-1
Towson, Maryland 21204

DVR
Graff Building
Two North Dundalk Avenue
Dundalk, Maryland 21222

DVR
Suburbia Building, Suite 503
5602 Baltimore National Pike
Baltimore, Maryland 21228

Caroline County:

See local office for Talbot County

Carroll County:

DVR
Post Office Box 586
Westminister, Maryland 21157

Cecil County:

DVR
Multi-Purpose Center
170 East Main Street
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Charles County:

DVR
P.O. Box 909
109 LaGrange Street
P.O. Box 909
LaPlata, Maryland 20646

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Dorchester County:

DVR
Eastern Shore Hospital Center
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Frederick County:

DVR
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

DVR
c/o Maryland School for the Deaf
101 Clarke Place
Frederick, Maryland 21701

Garrett County:

DVR
736 East Oak Street
Oakland, Maryland 21550

Harford County:

DVR
Campus Hills Shopping Center
2432 Churchville Road
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Howard County:

DVR
3451 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Kent County:

DVR
Mid Town Mall
350 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620

Montgomery County:

DVR
Beltway View Office Building
6110 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852

DVR
Wheaton Plaza-North Office Building
Suite LL1
2730 University Boulevard
Wheaton, Maryland 20902

Prince George's County:

DVR
Landover Mall
East Office Building
2100 Brightseat Road
Landover, Maryland 20785

DVR
3737 Branch Avenue, Suite 413
Camp Springs, Maryland 20748-1468

Queen Anne's County:

See local office for Wicomico County

Somerset County:

See local office for Wicomico County

St. Mary's County:

DVR
P.O. Box 429
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650

Talbot County:

DVR
Maryland National Bank Service Center
217 Bay Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

Washington County:

DVR
Suite 411, Professional Arts Building
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Wicomico County:

DVR
P.O. Box 2058
700 East Main Street
Salisbury, Maryland 21801-2058

Worcester County:

See local office for Wicomio County

LOCAL\BRANCH OFFICES:

Baltimore City

DVR
2100 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21218

DVR
University Hospital Unit
22 S. Greene Street
Room 4-1237
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

DVR
1144 Mondawmin Concourse
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

AGENCY:	Dorchester County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 619 Cambridge, Maryland 21613
TELEPHONE:	(301) 228-4747
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include child find program, assessments. Programs: parent/infant, early childhood, resource, structured learning, environment, Glasgow Regional Center, special needs occupational development team, and related services of speech and language, audiology, occupational/physical therapy and vision/hearing screening. Levels of service are from I through VII.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Dorchester County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact special education supervisor at (301) 228-4747.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Enoch Pratt Free Library Center for Visually and Hearing Impaired
ADDRESS:	Central Branch 400 Cathedral Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 Northwood Branch Loch Raven Blvd. & Cold Spring Lane Baltimore, Maryland
TELEPHONE:	Central Branch (301) 396-1613 TDD 396-4441 Northwood Branch (301) 323-2122 TDD 323-2320
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides training and use of Kurzweil Reading Machine, use of Visual Tek, Baltimore's Radio Reading Services, and directory of products and services for the blind. Services to the deaf and hearing impaired include TDD services, captioned films and video cassettes in sign language, audio induction loop, and product and services directory.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City Handicapping Condition: Hearing impaired and visually impaired
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may walk in for services, with exception of Kurzweil Reading Machine, which requires an appointment which may be made by calling (301) 396-1613.
OFFICE HOURS:	Central Branch - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Northwood Branch - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Saturday; 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Feinbloom Vision Rehabilitation Center
ADDRESS:	1201 W. Spencer Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19141
TELEPHONE:	(215) 276-6060
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive evaluation in low vision incorporating skills and services of optometrists, ophthalmologists, social workers, mobility instructors, special educators, and counselors.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limitations Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should write or phone office for information on services - (215) 276-6060. Referrals can be made directly by optometrist or ophthalmologist.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Frederick County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	115 East Church Street Frederick, Maryland 21701
TELEPHONE:	(301) 694-1000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides educational program for visually impaired students in a school setting.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth to 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Frederick County Handicapping Condition: Visually impaired, visually impaired/multi-handicapped
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact Office of Special Education, Division of Student Services at (301) 694-1000
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Friends in Service to the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	5603 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21210
TELEPHONE:	(301) 889-0200
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program offers 24 hour emergency services; shopping; marketing; clothing; telephone companionship for the elderly, lonely, and sick. Emergency food (3 days); referral services; and locating needed articles are additional services of the organization.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City - North boundary County line, South to North Avenue, East to Harford Road, West to Greenspring Avenue. Handicapping Condition: No limitation
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should telephone 889-200. Priority given to individuals residing in geographic boundaries described above.
OFFICE HOURS:	24 hours a day
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Gallagher, Francis X. Center
ADDRESS:	2520 Pot Spring Road Timonium, Maryland 21093
TELEPHONE:	(301) 252-4005
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The guiding principle of normalization is utilized for all program components, providing each client with surroundings and daily activities which are as close to normal as possible and which serve to foster each client's potential for growth in the areas of cognition, physical development, socialization and affective development. Programs include residential services, activity center, and respite care services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 5 - 19 Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Primary population served is mentally retarded (moderate and severe). Blindness is a secondary handicapping condition under licensing authority. Secondary handicapping conditions are reviewed on an individual basis.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	A complete application packet requiring psychological, social, educational, and medical information must be completed. General information number 252-4005.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Activity Center - 8:300 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding scale; activity center for adults fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Garrett Organization for the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	12 South Third Street Oakland, Maryland 21550
TELEPHONE:	(301) 334-8449
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program includes advocacy services, architectural barrier surveys, sponsorship of local special olympics, social events for the handicapped, financial assistance to handicapped individuals and agencies/organizations that serve the handicapped.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Garrett County Handicapping Condition: Emotional, mental, and physical
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may send written request to the above address or request application be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday (weekends, holidays, evenings contact (301) 334-3137
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation during daytime hours
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	George Washington University Department of Ophthalmology
ADDRESS:	2150 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037
TELEPHONE:	(292) 676-4050
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides low vision evaluation and related services including low vision aids.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: D.C., Maryland, Virginia Handicapping Condition: Subnormal vision
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should be referred by an ophthalmologist or by an agency. Contact number (202) 676-4052.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Fridays only
FEES:	Fixed Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Goodwill Industries, Inc., Baltimore
ADDRESS:	4001 Southwestern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21217
TELEPHONE:	(301) 247-3500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive vocational evaluation, career development, work adjustment training, job readiness instruction, and skills training in general clerical, word processing, custodial, food service and nursing assistant. Also provides job placement services, competitive and sheltered workshop employment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 16 years or older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City, Baltimore, Howard, Anne Arundel Counties Handicapping Condition: All disabilities. Limited services to totally blind and totally deaf.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call agency to request application for services form. Application form requires current general medical information and other professional documentation of disability. Intake office 247-3500 ext. 64.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Goodwill Industries, Inc., Hagerstown
ADDRESS:	223 North Prospect Street Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 Cumberland Branch: 9 North Centre Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502
TELEPHONE:	(301) 733-7330 (301) 722-8141 - Cumberland Branch
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive evaluation services, work adjustment training, work activities, sheltered work, and independent living. Cumberland does not have work activities program. Hagerstown work activities restricted to mentally retarded.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: over 16 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Hagerstown and Cumberland, Maryland Handicapping Condition: Various disabilities including physical, developmental, emotional, and social
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact rehabilitation specialist to schedule intake interview. Hagerstown - 733-7330 Cumberland - 722-8141
OFFICE HOURS:	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Goodwill Industries, Inc. Monocacy Valley
ADDRESS:	400 East Church Street Frederick, Maryland 21701
TELEPHONE:	(301) 662-0622
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program includes work adjustment, evaluation, placement, employment, sheltered workshops and personal adjustment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 21 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Frederick County Handicapping Condition: Physical and mental
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals are referred to agency through Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Mental Retardation Adminstration.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Yes
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Governor's Office for the Coordination of Services to the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	Old Armory Building 11 Bladen Boulevard Annapolis, Maryland 21401
TELEPHONE:	(301) 269-2908 (301) 269-2909 TTY (202) 261-2658 Washington TTY
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	This office is primarily an advisory office to the Governor and his various state agencies on all issues pertaining to disabled persons. The office runs no programs per se and its only service to the public is information and referral.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: All handicapping conditions served
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals interested in obtaining information and referral services should call the office.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Greater Baltimore Medical Center Low Vision Clinic
ADDRESS:	6701 N. Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21204
TELEPHONE:	(301) 828-2107
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides low vision evaluation, training, and loan system for optical aids. Information on blindness and appropriate resources available to clients through information and referral.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Unlimited Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment based upon an ophthalmological referral
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual needs to be referred to clinic by an ophthalmologist.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Mondays 8:00 - 4:30 - Mondays and Tuesdays (July & August only)
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Inc.
ADDRESS:	611 Granite Springs Road Yorktown Heights, Maryland 10598
TELEPHONE:	(914) 245-4024
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides independent mobility through the use of trained guide dogs to legally blind individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 16 or older Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limitations Handicapping Condition: Legal blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may receive an application from the school by calling or writing (914) 245-4024. Information required includes fact sheet, medical report and references.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Voluntary tuition
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Hadley School for the Blind
ADDRESS:	700 Elm Street Winnetka, Illinois 60093
TELEPHONE:	(312) 446-8111 or 1-800-323-4238
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	An international correspondence school that teaches scholastic, college, vocational, and communication courses through braille and recordings without cost to the visually handicapped student.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 12 years and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: International Handicapping Condition: Legally blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should write or call (312) 446-8111 or 1-800-323-4238 to the Student Services Department requesting a Student Information Bulletin and application.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Harford County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	45 East Gordon Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014
TELEPHONE:	(301) 838-7300
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides public school services as required by legal mandates. Programs include pre-school program, itinerant services, orientation & mobility, typing, listening skills, vision skills, recorded material, reinforcement of classroom work, assessment and written objectives.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Harford County Handicapping Condition: Visually Impaired (primary handicap)
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call Office of Special Education 838-7300.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes - School Buildings

AGENCY:	Helen Keller National Center
ADDRESS:	111 Middle Neck Road Sands Point, New York 11050
TELEPHONE:	(516) 944-8900
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Comprehensive evaluative and rehabilitation services provided to deaf-blind youths and adults. Individualized pre-vocational training in orientation and mobility, communication methods and devices, daily living skills, industrial arts, arts and crafts, home management, with supportive services in speech pathology, audiology, low vision, and job placement - all in residential setting. Center also designs or improves sensory aids to assist the deaf-blind; conducts research in personal adjustment, education, and rehabilitation techniques. Offers training seminars at headquarters and throughout the United States' nine regional offices coordinate efforts and programs.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 18 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States and territories Handicapping Condition: Legally deaf and blind and accompanying disabilities.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact nearest Regional Representative or contact Intake Coordinator at main headquarters (516) 944-8900 ext. 258
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fees charged to sponsoring agency
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Howard County Coalition of the Disabled
ADDRESS:	2225 McKendree Road West Friendship, Maryland 21794
TELEPHONE:	(301) 442-2232
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Coalition of interested disabled persons striving to make the quality of life for the disabled (all conditions) in Howard County more satisfying by keeping agencies, public, and the disabled themselves more aware of resources, pending legislation and available support of one another.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Howard County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may call (301) 442-2232 for more information. Information and referral service is run through Howard County Library 997-8000 VOICE and 730-3849 TDD.
OFFICE HOURS:	Volunteer organization (no formal office)
FEES:	N/A
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Howard County Department of Education
ADDRESS:	10910 Route 108 Ellicott City, Maryland 21403
TELEPHONE:	(301) 922-0500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a complete range of special education services for students ages birth through twenty who need Level 01 through Level 05 special education services due to limited vision.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 20 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Howard County Handicapping Condition: Partially sighted, blind, multiply handicapped
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call the Child Find Coordinator at (301) 992-0500 ext. 155 at the Office of Special Education.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Services are provided through Public School System when deemed appropriate.
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
ADDRESS:	3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
TELEPHONE:	(301) 992-2483
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include recreational activities in both school and community settings. A wide range of activities from arts & crafts, trips and tours, to sports and Special Olympic activities are offered.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 5 - Adult Sex: Both Geographic Area: Howard County primarily, although not restricted to county residents. Handicapping Condition: Mentally handicapped, hearing impairment (through Family Life Center), orthopedically handicapped
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call (301) 992-2464 or TTD 992-2323 requesting therapeutic coordinator for information on programs.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge, fixed charge or adult activities
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Information for the Partially Sighted IPS
ADDRESS:	9012 Old Georgetown Road Bethesda, Maryland 20814
TELEPHONE:	(301) 493-6300
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include information and referral; display rooms presenting various aids, appliances, and lighting in a home-like setting which provides practical experience and assistance in mobility, communication; and activities of daily living. Instruction in the use of talking books and assistance in coordinating services of the Library of Congress and other radio reading services. A support network for assistance in dealing with sight loss is available. A tape recorded phone message of local events and information is available after hours and on weekends.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 21 and over Sex: Both Geographic Area: Washington Metropolitan area (D.C., Northern Virginia, and Maryland) Handicapping Condition: Partially sighted, failing vision, progressive eye disease, and fluctuating vision (anyone with visual problems that limit daily living activities).
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 493-6300 in order to schedule an appointment.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	International Innovations for the Blind (I.I.B.)
ADDRESS:	Clara Sisselman 8308 Flower Avenue, Apartment 203 Takoma Park, Maryland 20912
TELEPHONE:	(301) 588-3602
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A mutual support group that meets the first Thursday of each month except July and August. Programs are largely informational and instructional, with much self-help sharing by members.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit Handicapping Condition: Legally blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may contact president of organization by writing or calling (301) 588-3602 or may inquire at the Division for the Visually and Physically Handicapped at the Prince George's County Memorial Library (301) 779-9331.
OFFICE HOURS:	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. First Thursday of the month
FEES:	Fixed charge for annual dues
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Jewish Community Center
ADDRESS:	5700 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21215
TELEPHONE:	(301) 542-4900
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides informal educational activities to meet leisure time needs of Jewish community including health and physical education program, classes in cultural arts and social activities. Special three day program for frail elderly, community services group for older, elderly including blind and visually impaired individuals. Special social groups including camp program for brain damaged and mentally retarded youngsters.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City and County primarily but no restrictions. Handicapping Condition: See above description of special programs.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals must make membership application at the agency.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday (closed Saturday)
FEES:	Fixed Charge (scholarship assistance available)
TRANSPORTATION:	Yes
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Katzen Eye Group Low Vision Service
ADDRESS:	333 St. Paul Place Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 727-8380
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive low vision consultation including low vision history, low vision acuity measurement, low vision refraction, telescopic evaluation, near point analysis via microscopic correction, telemicroscopic evaluation, evaluation of non-optical aids, instruction in use of low vision devices, referral to other agencies, and report to referring practitioner.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limitation Handicapping Condition: Functional Visual Impairment
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 727-8380 requesting Director of Low Vision Service
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY: Kennedy, John F. Institute for Handicapped Children

ADDRESS: 707 North Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland 21205

TELEPHONE: (301) 955-4003

PROGRAM/SERVICES: Agency is a special pediatric hospital providing in-patient and outpatient services to mentally and physically handicapped children and their families. Provides such services using the interdisciplinary approach through occupational therapy; physical therapy; speech, language, and audiology; clinical and behavioral psychology; nursing; dentistry; psychiatry; pediatrics; social work; child life; special education; and nutrition evaluations, short term and long term treatment and therapy. Offers a school program for learning disabled children, preschool program for retarded children, training of professionals in the field, and clinical and basic research.

ELIGIBILITY: Age: Birth to 21 Sex: Both

Geographic Area: No limitation

Handicapping Condition: Serves full array of developmental disabilities (epilepsy, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, mental retardation, neurological, genetic, communication disorders, etc.), head trauma and spinal cord injuries.

APPLYING FOR SERVICES: Referral can be made by parents, physicians, therapists, school teachers, social workers to the Clinical Services Coordination Unit at 955-4500. Each referral is reviewed by the admission team and follows a standard admission process.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

FEES: Fixed charge

TRANSPORTATION: Public Transportation

PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE: Yes

AGENCY:	Kent County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Washington Avenue Chestertown, Maryland 21620
TELEPHONE:	(301) 778-1595
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides educational programs for students under guidelines of Federal Law (P.L. 94-142)
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 20 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Kent County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact local area school or call central office (301) 778-1595 requesting Office of Pupil Services.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	League for the Handicapped, Inc.
ADDRESS:	1111 East Cold Spring Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21239
TELEPHONE:	(301) 323-0500 TTY 435-6589
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides vocational, day care, social, volunteer, legislative, recreation, and camping services to people with physical, mental, and emotional handicaps.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 18 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Metropolitan Baltimore Handicapping Condition: Serves physically, mentally, and emotionally handicapped.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Vocational services are made through Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Other referrals may be made by the individual, agency, or interested person by calling (301) 323-0500 or TTY 435-6589
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Variable - some services require a fee
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Legal Aid Bureau Mental Retardation Project
ADDRESS:	809 E. Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 539-0390
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides legal representation for individual at the time of their admission hearings and during their annual evaluations at the state residential centers for the mentally retarded.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Mental retardation primary handicap, accompanying handicaps considered on an individual basis
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	A resident of a state residential center who requires legal services may call (301) 539-0390 requesting the mental retardation project. Parent, relative, interested party may also contact the office.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Lions Association for Sight and Hearing of Maryland
ADDRESS:	130 W. Hamilton Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 332-1500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Association provides visual and hearing screening, loans of hospital equipment, finances eye examinations, and eye glasses on individual basis, provides reconditioned hearing aids on an individual basis, conducts annual sight and hearing seminar, and rents vision and hearing screening equipment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Central Maryland, Baltimore City & County, Harford, Howard, and Anne Arundel Counties. Handicapping Condition: Vision or hearing impairment
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may telephone (301) 332-1500 or write office.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge; fixed fee for rental of equipment
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Lions Preschool Center for the Visually Handicapped
ADDRESS:	Viers Mill Recreation Center Kensington, Maryland 20795 Mailing Address: 8120 15th Avenue, Apartment 104 Hyattsville, Maryland 20783
TELEPHONE:	(301) 942-5433
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides preschool program for visually impaired children through development of an individualized based approach utilizing persistent consistency. Activities of daily living, posture and balance, manual dexterity and tactile sensitivity are some of the areas addressed at the school
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 2 - 6 year Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit. Parents are responsible for transportation Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment primary handicap, accompanying handicaps accepted
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 942-5433 or (301) 439-2066. Information may also be obtained by calling (301) 935-5656.
OFFICE HOURS:	12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (Program follows calendar of Montgomery County Schools)
FEES:	No charge.
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Advocacy Unit for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc.
ADDRESS:	2510 St. Paul Street Baltimore, Maryland 21218
TELEPHONE:	(301) 383-3400
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides advocacy services to pursue legal and administrative and other appropriate remedies to insure the protection of the rights of developmentally disabled persons who are entitled to receive treatment, services, or habilitation within the state.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Developmental Disabilities
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call agency 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 or 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday and speak with an intake worker (301) 383-3400.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding Scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Association for Retarded Citizens
ADDRESS:	5602 Baltimore, National Pike, Suite 200 Baltimore, Maryland 21228
TELEPHONE:	(301) 744-0255
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The ARC/Maryland is an administrative office with no provision of direct service. Direct service is provided by local ARC (county) units in the state. The agency advocates for all mentally retarded people in the state and usually acts as a referral service for specific services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Mental retardation
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals are served through county units. Information can be obtained.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No response
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Computer Services
ADDRESS:	2010 Rock Spring Road Forest Hill, Maryland 21050
TELEPHONE:	(301) 879-3366
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides computer system products which provide voice output for employment and educational aids. Products include Information Thru Speech (ITS) and Total Talk. Agency also provides computer system which can be used in employment or as education aids. Products include Cramner Perkins Modified Brailler and a refreshable braille display unit. Also provides large print capabilities for partially sighted individuals.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States, Canada, and Europe Handicapping Condition: Blind and visually impaired
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact Sales Office at (301) 879-3366.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Council of the Blind
ADDRESS:	130 West Hamilton Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 332-1500
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides information and referral services, distributes white canes, and provides periodic financial support to private agencies and organizations serving the blind.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: legal blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should call (301) 332-1500 or write to the above address.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council
ADDRESS:	201 West Preston Street Rom 429 Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 383-3358 TTY (301) 383-3373
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Influences and assists in the development of services at the state and local level to meet the needs of developmentally disabled persons. Disseminates information regarding disability issues and services to interested groups and individuals. Prepares, reviews, and/or comments on legislation, policies, and practices related to disabled persons. Advocates for the rights of developmentally disabled person.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All ages Sex: Both Geographic Area: Statewide Handicapping Condition: Serves all developmental disabilities.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Agency does not provide direct services. Information or referral may be obtained by calling or writing office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration
ADDRESS:	6601 Ritchie Highway Glen Burnie, Maryland 21062
TELEPHONE:	(301) 768-7000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Issues driver licenses, age of majority cards, vehicle license plates and vehicle registration. Other services include special identification cards, disabled persons and personalized registration plates, disabled persons parking permit and reservation of a parking space for the handicapped.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: driver's license minimum age 16 if an appropriate driver education course has been successfully completed, otherwise age 18 Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Various physical disabilities and medical conditions which are defined in Section 13-616 of Maryland Vehicle Law Vehicle Registration (legally blind, lost use of leg or arm).
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Personal appearance is required for driver's license. Information on drivers test (301) 768-7591 TTY 1-800-492-4575. Registration information (301) 768-7471 with capacity for through the mail completion. The individual, a dependent of the individual, any individual who depends on the applicant, or an individual who the handicapped individual depends on for transportation may apply.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except State and Federal holidays)
FEES:	Fixed charge based on service information fees Driver License (301) 768-7591, Vehicle Registration (301) 768-7471
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Special Populations Division
ADDRESS:	6600 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale, Maryland 20737
TELEPHONE:	(301) 699-2460, TDD 277-7020
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides recreational program and services for special population groups within Prince George's County. The Division also provides information on resources and technical support to the department staff, community groups, and other agencies serving the disabled.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: Prince George's County Handicapping Condition: Mentally retarded, developmentally delayed, emotionally recovering, deaf and hearing impaired, visually impaired, and learning disabled, etc.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may contact the Division by calling (301) 699-2460 or writing to above address requesting program applications or assistance.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
FEES:	Some programs require fees
TRANSPORTATION:	Limited amount of transportation available
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland Office on Aging
ADDRESS:	301 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 383-2113
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Administers programs and services under the Older American Act. Coordinates state and local programs related to the well being of the state's aged. Reviews and formulates policy recommendations to the Governor on publicly funded plans and programs which have an impact on the aged. Consults with and advises the secretaries of principle departments with respect to programs and services for the aged for which they are responsible. Oversees development of a state-wide plan for comprehensive and coordinated system of delivery of programs and services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: over 55 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire state Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual needing service should first apply to local area agency on aging in their community. Individual may call Office on Aging 393-2311 if not sure of local agency, desires information on other agencies, or cannot be helped by local agencies.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge (information and referral)
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes
LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:	Allegany Co. Area Agency on Aging 19 Frederick Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502 (301) 777-5970 Anne Arundel Co. Area Agency on Aging Arundel Center - Room 403 Calvert Street Annapolis, Maryland 21404 (301) 224-7115 Baltimore City Commission on Aging & Retirement Education 1114 Cathedral Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201 (301) 396-5780

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Baltimore County Department of Aging -
Adult Services
611 Central Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204
(301) 494-2107

Calvert Co. Office on Aging
450 West Danes Beach Road
Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678
(301) 855-1170

Carroll County Bureau on Aging
West End School
Schoolhouse Avenue
Westminister, Maryland 21157
(301) 876-3363

Charles Co. Aging Services (AAA)
P.O. Box B
LaPlata, Maryland 20646
(301) 870-3775 or 3776

Frederick Co. Commission on Aging
520 Market Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
(301) 694-1049

Garrett Co. Area Agency on Aging
Courthouse, Room 205
Oakland, Maryland 21550
(301) 334-3314

Community Services
Harford County
145 Hickory Avenue
Bel Air, Maryland 21014
(301) 879-2000 x331

Howard Co. Office on Aging
John Carroll Bldg., 1st floor
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(301) 992-2327

MAC, Inc. Area Agency on Aging
1504 Riverside Drive
Salisbury, Maryland 21801
(301) 742-0505

Division of Elder Affairs
Holiday Park
3950 Ferrara Drive
Wheaton, Maryland 20906
(301) 468-4430

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Prince George's Co. Department of Aging
County Service Building
5012 Rhode Island Avenue
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781
(301) 699-2670

Queen Anne's Co. Area Agency on Aging
County Annex Building, Banjo Lane
Centreville, Maryland 21617
(301) 758-0848

St. Mary's Co. Office on Aging
Garvey Senior Center
P.O. Box 351
Leonardtown, Maryland 20650
(301) 475-5621 x474

Upper Shore Aging, Inc.
400 High Street
Chestertown, Maryland 21620
(301) 778-6000

Washington Co. Area Agency on Aging
Alexander House
9 Public Square
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
(301) 790-0275

AGENCY:	Maryland Rehabilitation Center Maryland State Department of Education
ADDRESS:	2301 Argonne Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21216
TELEPHONE:	(301) 366-8800
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive evaluation services, training in activities of daily living, home arts, communication and academic skills. Work adjustment and vocational training in selective areas are also available.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: employable age Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit Handicapping Condition: Visual impaired with or without other handicapping conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual is referred to center through Division of Vocational Rehabilitation counselor. Admissions office phone number (301) 366-8800 ext. 310.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Varies with service
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland School for the Blind
ADDRESS:	3501 Taylor Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21236
TELEPHONE:	(301) 444-5000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Instructional and residential staffs provide education for students in a variety of areas designed to meet the needs of the children at their level of functioning. Additional support is provided by therapy, health, recreation, vocational, and mobility staff.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: preschool to 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Visual impairment alone or in combination with orthopedic, intellectual, emotional, hearing, or neurological impairment. Ability to benefit from programming is also required.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Families apply though local boards of education.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge to Maryland residents
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland School for the Blind Alumni Association
ADDRESS:	3501 Taylor Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21236
TELEPHONE:	(301) 444-5000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Association provides limited financial assistance to Maryland School for the Blind and to individual students at the School.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Maryland Handicapping Condition: Legal blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may contact association by telephone (301) 444-5000 or write.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland State Department of Education Division of Special Education
ADDRESS:	200 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-2000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides for comprehensive educational service delivery to handicapped children 0 - 21 through twenty-four local education agencies.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: All handicapping conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact local eduction agency or call Special Education Hot Line (301) 383-6523 (calls may be made collect).
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Division of Crippled Children's Services
ADDRESS:	201 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 383-2821
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive diagnostic services by specialists in local health department, hospitals or related settings. Consultation services through local orthopedic, cardiac, behavior and learning problems, seizure, ear/nose/throat, language-speech, vision, neurology, and plastic surgery clinics. Other specialty clinics include birth defects, cystic fibrosis, prosthetic, dental and cleft palate. Support services including social work, physical, occupational, speech, therapies. Purchase of special equipment, medications, supplies, and hospital care are also provided.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Eye conditions leading to a loss or impaired vision. Disorders which involve bones, joints, or muscles. Conditions requiring plastic surgery - cleft palate and burns. Ear conditions which lead to a loss or impaired hearing. Speech and language disorders, heart problems, epilepsy, dental and oral malformations, brain and spinal cord disorders - spina bifida and cerebral palsy. Complex communication disorders, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, cancer, and chronic or serious health conditions.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may contact local health department, private doctor, school personnel, other health agencies, or may call State of Maryland, Crippled Children's Services (301) 383-2807.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Sliding Scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Maryland State Department of Human Resources
ADDRESS:	300 West Preston Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 669-8741
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides or purchases services for adults, families, and children which are delivered through local department of social services. Specific services include adoption, adult protective services, child day care, family planning, foster care for children, information and referral, in-home aide, legal services, protective services for children, services to families, single parent services, and social services to adults.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Services available to all eligible individuals. Specific program for mentally retarded.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call local Department of Social Services for complete description of services in area.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except State holidays)
FEES:	Varies with service
TRANSPORTATION:	Varies with location
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Varies with location

AGENCY:	Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
ADDRESS:	1715 North Charles Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-2668 WATS 1-800-492-5627
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides library service - books and magazines. Formats include disc (talking book), cassette, braille, and large print. Play back equipment and accessories provided for disc and cassette service. Special services for professionals and students include recording, and brailling of text. Materials and equipment circulated through the mail free of charge or walk in service is available. Information and referral services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Legal blindness, visual handicap preventing the reading of standard print, physical handicap preventing the reading of standard print, reading disability (dyslexia). Service provided to individuals and institutions.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Call, write, or pick up an application which needs to be completed by doctor, ophthalmologist, optometrist, registered nurse, or therapist. Phone (301) 659-2668 or WATS 1-800-492-5627.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes
LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:	Montgomery County Residents: Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries Service for the Handicapped 99 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850 (301) 279-1679 Prince George's County Residents: Prince George's County Memorial Library Vision Section 6532 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, Maryland 20782 (301) 779-9330

AGENCY:	Mass Transit Administration
ADDRESS:	1515 Washington Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21230
TELEPHONE:	(301) 539-5000 TTY 539-3497 Mobility 837-1551
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides public transit service in the urbanized areas of Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counties and Baltimore City. Currently fixed route basis operate in these areas. In fall of 1983 the Baltimore Metro will begin rapid rail service in Northwest Baltimore. Services include reduced fares and mobility to eligible applicants.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Mobility - within the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695) Reduced Fare - fixed route service area in Baltimore City and Baltimore & Anne Arundel Counties Handicapping Condition: Mobility - any disability that prevents someone from using fixed route bus service Reduced Fare - any disability that causes difficulty in using the fixed route bus services or any one 65 years or over
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call (301) 359-5000, TTY 539-3497, or write to obtain application for reduced fare for the handicapped or mobility services. Application includes a physician's certificate which is required. Applications may also be found at public libraries in Baltimore City, Baltimore and Anne Arundel Counites.
OFFICE HOURS:	
FEES:	Fixed charge; no charge to and from eligible sheltered workshops
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes, Mobility, some lift-equipped fixed-route bus service

AGENCY:	Medical Eye Bank, Inc.
ADDRESS:	505 Park Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 752-2020 (24 hours)
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Retrieval of human eye tissue for purposes of corneal transplantation, research, and medical education. Eye tissue requested by Ophthalmologists and researchers is provided directly from the Eye Bank.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: N/A Geographic Area: Serves Maryland, Nation, International Handicapping Condition: N/A
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Tissue should be requested directly by Ophthalmologist or researcher 752-2020
OFFICE HOURS:	Phone is 24 hours
FEES:	No response
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	N/A

AGENCY:	MENSA Friends Tape Recording Studio, Inc.
ADDRESS:	Patuxent Institution Box 700 Jessup, Maryland 20794
TELEPHONE:	(301) 799-3400
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides various services including: thermoforming/ duplication of braille books; cassette machine repair; tape repair and duplication; recharging of Nickelcadium batteries; recording of books onto cassette and reel-to-reel tapes; radio broadcasting of news from Baltimore Sun Paper; Baltimore's Radio Reading Service; and repair of transmitting receivers used by listeners of the reading service.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Maryland residents and all other states Handicapping Condition: Blindness and visual handicap
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact staff or inmate coordinator at (301) 799-3400 ext. 60.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday - Mensa Studio 6:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday - Baltimore's Radio Reading Service
FEES:	No Charge - Donations allow service to continue
TRANSPORTATION:	Yes
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Montgomery County Board of Education Vision Services
ADDRESS:	5010 Moorland Lane Bethesda, Maryland 20814
TELEPHONE:	(301) 657-8292
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a comprehensive special education program including early childhood services, itinerant program, vision/special need class, vision/learning disability class, visually impaired/moderately intellectually limited class. Curriculum includes early development and stimulation, self-care, daily living skills, vision utilization, compensatory skills (including braille, Optacon, abacus), orientation and mobility, communication skills, career/vocational assessment and counseling. Parent education, home teaching and individual and family therapy is provided for infants (birth - 2 years) and their parents.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: birth - 21 years Sex: Both Geographic Area: Montgomery County Handicapping Condition: Blind and visually impaired and multi-handicapped children who have vision problems and impairments.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact vision services supervisor directly at (301) 657-8292.
OFFICE HOURS:	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Montgomery County Department of Family Resources Handicap Coordination and Compliance Unit
ADDRESS:	101 Monroe Street Rockville, Maryland 20850
TELEPHONE:	(301) 279-1246
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	The office provides information and referral to disabled consumers and assists county government agencies to comply with non-discrimination mandates.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: Montgomery County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may call (301) 279-1246 VOICE/TDD or walk into the office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries Service for the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	99 Maryland Avenue Rockville, Maryland 20850
TELEPHONE:	(301) 279-1679
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides large type books and talking books to eligible patrons in Montgomery County. The library also serves as a referral service to the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped for providing braille materials.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Montgomery County Handicapping Condition: Individuals who have an organic disability such as visual handicap, paralysis, and neurological dysfunctions.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may write or phone (301) 279-1679 office for an application to receive talking books. Large type books can be checked out on any patron's Montgomery County library card.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No Charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	National Association for Parents of the Visually Impaired, Inc.
ADDRESS:	2011 Hardy Circle Austin, Texas 78757
TELEPHONE:	(512) 459-6651
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A member organization for parents and agencies committed to providing support to parents and families of visually impaired children and youth. Assists in promoting public understanding of the needs and rights of the visually impaired through state and local parent groups. Activities include workshops on service potential and rights, establishing a national clearinghouse for information, education and referral, and fostering communication between parents and federal, state, local agencies.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: Families of all visually impaired and blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may write or call (512) 459-6651. Individual may also contact NAPVI Board Member at 508 Lloyd Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208 (412) 371-4484
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday (phones monitored 24 hours a day)
FEES:	Membership fee varies based upon type
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	N/A

AGENCY:	National Federation of the Blind
ADDRESS:	1800 Johnson Street Baltimore, Maryland 21230
TELEPHONE:	(301) 659-9314
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	By means of speeches, pamphlets, radio, and television appearances, members of the NFB strive to educate the general public to the fact that blind persons are normal individuals who can compete on the terms of equality with others. Operates an employment program in cooperation with United States department of Labor - Job Opportunities for the Blind. Monthly publicaton Braille Monitor addresses current issues important to the Blind. Addresses protection of rights of blind persons through collective action.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: National Handicapping Condition: Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should call office for information (301) 659-9314. Job Opportunities for the Blind Program (301) 659-9314.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No response
TRANSPORTATION:	No response
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No response

AGENCY:	National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
ADDRESS:	1291 Taylor Street, N.W. Library of Congress Washington, D.C. 20542
TELEPHONE:	(202) 287-5100
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides free library service of braille and recorded books and magazines to persons unable to read or use standard print materials because of visual or physical handicaps. Reading material is mailed to eligible persons postage free.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States, its territories and possessions and American citizen's living abroad Handicapping Condition: Visual and physical handicaps preventing the reading of standard print materials.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact library serving their geographic area as service is provided through a network of regional libraries.
OFFICE HOURS:	N/A
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	N/A

AGENCY:	National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Maryland Chapter
ADDRESS:	5401 Belair Road Baltimore, Maryland 21206
TELEPHONE:	(301) 485-8150
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides information and referral, counseling, medical equipment loan closet and literature.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: State of Maryland, except Prince George's and Montgomery Counties Handicapping Condition: Multiple Sclerosis and related conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should telephone the agency (301) 485-8150.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes
LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:	National Multiple Sclerosis Society Western Maryland Office Professional Arts Building 5 Public Square, Room 305 Hagerstown, Maryland 21740 (301) 791-5754 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Eastern Shore Office P.O. Box 2353, Snow Hill Road Salisbury, Maryland 21801 (301) 546-2181 ext. 207 & 235 National Multiple Sclerosis Society Southern Maryland Office P.O. Box 3371 Annapolis, Maryland 21403 (301) 268-8555

AGENCY:	National Rehabilitation Information Center
ADDRESS:	4407 Eighth Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20036
TELEPHONE:	(202) 635-5826
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a national information service focusing upon disabilities and related areas. Through a network of information specialists and brokers, individuals can obtain the following items: fact sheets, documents, abstracts, periodical listings, training workshops, data bases of rehabilitation equipment, aids, and bibliographic information.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals may visit NARIC Library to use print and non-print collections. Individual may call Information Speicalist (202) 635-5822 or TDD (202) 635-5884. Requests may also be made by letter.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Opportunities for the Blind, Inc.
ADDRESS:	2618 Huntingdon Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21211
TELEPHONE:	(301) 235-1011
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include college scholarships and vocational training grants, job counseling, referral and placement services, aids and appliances, and other types of special equipment. Seed money for blind people who want to start their own businesses.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: Legally Blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should write a letter stating academic or other appropriate experience, including a statement of their specific career objectives.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Optometric Center of Maryland
ADDRESS:	100 E. North Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21202
TELEPHONE:	(301) 385-1587
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive vision care services, including examinations; lens therapy; contact lenses; low vision aids; and visual training.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Metropolitan Baltimore
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should phone for an appointment - 385-1500
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Optometric Council of the National Capital Region
ADDRESS:	35 Wisconsin Circle Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815
TELEPHONE:	(301) 656-8650
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include information and referral and speaker's bureau.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: District of Columbia, Central Maryland, Northern Virginia Handicapping Condition: N/A
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call office (301) 656-8650.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	None for referral
TRANSPORTATION:	N/A
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	N/A

AGENCY:	Parent's Campaign for Handicapped Children and Youth
ADDRESS:	1201 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 200036
TELEPHONE:	N/A
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Program provides information on educational and related services for handicapped children. Conducts training and research programs related to needs of handicapped children and their families. Publishes Closer Look Newsletter.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should mail questions to above address.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Prevention of Blindness Society, Maryland
ADDRESS:	1313 West Old Cold Spring Lane Baltimore, Maryland 21209
TELEPHONE:	(301) 243-2201
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides professional and lay eye health education, public information, individual counseling and referral service, eye safety programs, vision screening, film library and mobile examination unit for special populations.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Central Maryland Handicapping Condition: N/A
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call the office (301) 243-2201.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No - we have several steps leading to front door

AGENCY:	Prevention of Blindness Society, Washington
ADDRESS:	1775 Church Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
TELEPHONE:	(202) 234-1010
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides educational programs and training in eye health and safety along with information and referral on eye care. Provides screening services for children for vision problems and adult screening services for glaucoma.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Metropolitan Washington (Montgomery and Prince George's Counties) Handicapping Condition: Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (202) 234-1010 or write office.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge and sliding scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Prince George's County Board of Education Programs & Services - Vision Program
ADDRESS:	H. Winship Wheatley Special Center 1200 Ritchie Road Capital Heights, Maryland 20743
TELEPHONE:	(301) 336-8656
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Vision teacher provides educational visual assessment, specialized educational skills instruction (braille, typing, Optacon, slate & stylus, listening, etc.), special materials (braille, large print, tape, manipulative aids), special equipment (brailler, tape recorder, optacon, typwriter), parent and teacher support and consultations, parent discussion groups and inservice programs. Orientation and mobility teacher provides assessment and instruction for independent travel, familiarization of students to new school, parent and teacher support & consultations and in-service programs.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Prince George's County Handicapping Condition: Any visual impairment which adversely affects a student's educational performance. Accompanying handicaps also accepted.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Age 0 - 5 years contact Child Find at (301) 262-6122. Age 5 - 21 contact Vision Program at (301) 336-8656
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Prince George's County Memorial Library Division of Visually and Physically Handicapped
ADDRESS:	6532 Adelphi Road Hyattsville, Maryland 20782
TELEPHONE:	(301) 779-9330 ext. 28
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides Library of Congress talking books and equipment to eligible persons. Reading aids/magnifiers to demonstrate and to loan, use of Visual-Tek closed circuit magnifier and other table magnifiers, large type typewriter, and braille duplicator are available during library hours. Information for and about handicapping conditions is available. Provides central collection of large print books and magazines.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Prince George's County Handicapping Condition: Blindness, visual handicap, physical handicap, and reading disability conditions must be certified for talking books program, and for getting recorded books and equipment to play them.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may request application for talking books program by phone or in person. Completed application which must be certified concerning handicap, should be returned to the library. Once application is approved, equipment, sample books, and catalogues can be mailed or picked up. Phone (301) 779-9330 ext. 28 for information and application.
OFFICE HOURS:	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday (closed Friday) 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Prince George's County Office for Coordination of Services to the Handicapped
ADDRESS:	County Administration Building Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
TELEPHONE:	(301) 952-3210 TTY 627-3352
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides information and referral services, collects data on unmet needs and gap in services for the handicapped. Coordinates private and public programs/services, along with coordination of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in Prince George's County.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Prince George's County Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call office at 952-3210; TTY 627-3352 or write office.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Recording for the Blind, Inc.
ADDRESS:	The Anne T. Macdonald Center 20 Roszel Road Princeton, New Jersey 08540
TELEPHONE:	(609) 452-0606
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides taped educational textbooks free on loan to medically certified visually, physically, and perceptually handicapped persons. Master tape library contains over 60,000 textbooks, making it the largest free circulating library of its kind in the world. Books not in our library are recorded upon request. Approximately 4,000 new books are added each year.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: All United States and 35 foreign countries Handicapping Condition: Visual, physical, or perceptual handicaps
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should write to office, Student Services Department, requesting a Borrower's Information Kit. Kit contains application for service and a disability statement to be completed by certified professional. Registered borrowers may call (609) 452-0606 or 1-800-221-4792 or 4793
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge; catalogue of recorded texts on sale for $5.00.
TRANSPORTATION:	No public transportation available
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Rehabilitation Services Administration Division for Blind and Visually Impaired United States Department of Education
ADDRESS:	330 C Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
TELEPHONE:	(202) 245-0327
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency administers the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended, primarily through grants to states for vocational rehabilitation purposes.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States through state vocational rehabilitation agencies Handicapping Condition: Division responsible for visually impaired and blind persons
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals should contact their state rehabilitation agencies.
OFFICE HOURS:	Varies with office
FEES:	Financial needs test may be required
TRANSPORTATION:	Varies with office
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Varies with office

AGENCY:	RP Foundation Fighting Blindness
ADDRESS:	8331 Mindale Circle Baltimore, Maryland 21207
TELEPHONE:	(301) 655-1011
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency funds research in retinitis pigmentosa and other retinal degenerations at nine research centers in the U.S. and England. The Foundation maintains a national confidential registry of affected persons, for statistical and eventual use in clinical research. A national eye donor program assists research efforts. The 60 affiliates are involved in a variety of activities including information and referral, experience sharing, public information and fund raising. Information brochures, annual reports, quarterly newsletter, workshops are available for both the professional and lay person.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: United States Handicapping Condition: Individuals who have inherited retinal degenerations are the focus of the Foundation's efforts.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individuals interested in information and referral services can call the ffice 655-1011.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Saint Mary's County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	20 Tulagi Place Lexington Park, Maryland 20653
TELEPHONE:	(301) 863-7495
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a special education program of itinerant teaching for blind and visually impaired students enrolled in St. Mary's County Public Schools.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: St. Mary's County Handicapping Condition: Blind, visually impaired, deaf/blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact principal of local attendance area school or call Office of Special Education (301) 863-7495.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Saint Vincent's Child Care Center
ADDRESS:	2600 Potspring Road Timonium, Maryland 21093
TELEPHONE:	(301) 252-4000
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides comprehensive evaluation services along with treatment services including medical, dental, education, physical therapy, speech therapy, social work, residential care and respite care.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 10 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire State of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Special handicapped units serve mentally retarded, multiple handicapped and developmentally delayed.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Referrals should be made through local Department of Social Services or can be made privately. Referral should be directed to Associate Administrator 252-4000.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Science for the Blind Products
ADDRESS:	Box A Southeastern, Pennsylvania 19399
TELEPHONE:	(215) 687-3731
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Manufactures special aids and markets special materials. Catalogue for the blind on sound sheet recording which includes general mail order times.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: N/A Geographic Area: No limits Handicapping Condition: Visual limitation/blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may request free catalogue of products
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Evening/Weekend by appointment
FEES:	Purchase price of items
TRANSPORTATION:	Arrangements possible from local train station
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	The Seeing Eye, Inc.
ADDRESS:	Washington Valley Road Morristown, New Jersey 07960
TELEPHONE:	(201) 539-4425
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides dog guides for qualified blind persons in a 1 month in-residence training program. Offers free film service, literature and information about dog guides, blind persons, their rehabilitation and employment.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 16 and over enrolled in the program Sex: Both Geographic Area: Serves entire U.S. and Canada Handicapping Condition: Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact agency by either letter or phone requesting application and/or information.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge - $150
TRANSPORTATION:	We pay transportation costs
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Social Security Administration
ADDRESS:	See local office listing
TELEPHONE:	See telephone directory
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include monthly case payments to eligible aged, blind, and disabled persons and their dependents under Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. To receive these benefits under Social Security, a statutorily blind applicant must also be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity. There are limitations on income and resources that apply under the SSI program.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: state-wide Handicapping Condition: Persons who are aged, blind, or disabled may be eligible for benefits.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may write, telephone, or visit any Social Security Administration office. Telephone in Baltimore Metropolitan area is 792-7100.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge (monthly charge for Medicare Part B coverage)
TRANSPORTATION:	Public transportation to most Baltimore and Washington Metropolitan area
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes
LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:	Annapolis (Glen Burnie) 1623 Forest Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21403 Downtown 709 E. Lombard Street Baltimore, Maryland 21202 East (Downtown) 1400 Orleans Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231 Eastpoint (Towson) 1101 North Point Blvd., Suite 110 Baltimore, Maryland 21224

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Mondawmin (Downtown)
Mondawmin Shopping Center
302 Metro Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21215

North (Downtown)
711 W. 40th Street, 3rd floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21211

Northeast (Downtown)
Erdman Shopping Center
2503 Edison Highway
Baltimore, Maryland 21213

Northwest (Downtown)
740 W. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21217

West (Downtown)
3202 Frederick Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

Bel Air (Towson)
Tollgate Town Center
615 Bel Air Road, Suite 66
Baltimore, Maryland 21014

Cambridge (Salisbury)
716 Cambridge Plaza Shopping Center
Cambridge, Maryland 21613

Camp Springs
6409 Old Branch Avenue
Camp Springs, Maryland 20031

Catonsville
Suburbia Building
5602 Baltimore National Pike
Catonsville, Maryland 21228

Cumberland
316 Paca Street
P.O. Box 1618
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Elkton
125 E. High Street
Elkton, Maryland 21921

Frederick
912 East Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

LOCAL/BRANCH OFFICES:

Glen Burnie
95 Aquahart Road
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Hagerstown
59 N. Cannon Avenue
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Landover
Landover Mall, Suite 30
South Office Building
Landover, Maryland 20785

Randallstown
Randallstown Plaza
3689 Offutt Road
Randallstown, Maryland 21133

Rockville
200 A. Monroe Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Salisbury
688 E. Main Street
P.O. Box 1938
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

Silver Spring
962 Wayne Avenue, 3rd Floor
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Towson
7800 York Road
Towson, Maryland 21204

Westminister
246 E. Green Street
Westminister, Maryland 21157

AGENCY:	Somerset County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Princess Anne, Maryland 21853
TELEPHONE:	(301) 651-1485
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a special education program including services for Level I through Level VI and home teaching. Speech therapy, psychological counseling and physical therapy also available. Comprehensive evaluation services, training in self-care and activities of daily living, communication skills, along with cooperative program in special vocational training with Vocational Rehabilitation and the Maryland School for the Blind.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Somerset County Handicapping Condition: Serves all handicaps covered by Federal Codes
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact child's school principal, special education teacher, or supervisor of special education. Individual may also call School Board Office directly at (301) 651-1485.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Telesensory Systems, Inc.
ADDRESS:	455 North Bernardo Mt. View, California 94043
TELEPHONE:	(415) 960-0920
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Manufactures and distributes technical aids for the blind and non-vocal.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: International Handicapping Condition: Blindness, non-vocal
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual interested in obtaining information or products (literature, price) may contact office directly by writing or calling (415) 960-0920.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge for products
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Towson State University Office of Special Needs
ADDRESS:	Towson, Maryland 21204
TELEPHONE:	(301) 321-2638
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides various support and services in order to assist the handicapped student. Services include notetakers, readers, writers, escort (wheelchair), interpreters, additional services and supports are available on an as needed basis.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: enrolled student Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact Office of Special Needs Coordinator at (301) 321-2638 for an appointment.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No additional charge for special services
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Travelers Aid Society of Baltimore
ADDRESS:	601 North Howard Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 685-3569
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides casework along with information and referral services to travelers stranded or in crisis. Assistance or referral to emergency shelter, food, and related services. Provides a 24 hour emergency telephone hotline for travelers in crisis.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: N/A Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should apply in person at agency during normal office hours. (Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Information can be requested by phone 685-3569. Free emergency 24 hour hotline available at Penn Central Train Station and Trailways Bus Station. Hotline number is 685-5874.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge for casework and information & referral
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Triformation System, Inc.
ADDRESS:	3132 E. Jay Street Stuart, Florida 33494
TELEPHONE:	(305) 283-4817
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides computer aided equipment for the blind.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: International Handicapping Condition: Blindness
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call or write office phone (305) 283-4817.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge for products
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	United States Association for Blind Athletes
ADDRESS:	55 West California Avenue Beach Haven Park, New Jersey 08008
TELEPHONE:	(609) 492-1017
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A non-profit tax exempt organization providing sports and atheletic activities for participation and/or competition in local, state, regional, national, and international events.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: Entire United States Handicapping Condition: Legally blind
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact office by writing or calling (609) 492-1017.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	Fixed charge for membership fee
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	University of Maryland Disabled Student Services
ADDRESS:	College Park, Maryland 20742
TELEPHONE:	(301) 343-5028
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides support services which will insure equal access to the University and its programs for students with disabilities. (Readers, interpreters, notetakers, tutors, etc.)
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limits. Handicapping Condition: All qualified students with any handicapping condition (visual, hearing, mobility, and learning disabled).
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual first must be admitted to the University through Admissions Office, then register with Disabled Student Services, Shoemaker Building, Room 0126; phone (301) 454-5028, TTY - 454-5029
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No additional charge for special services
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation and campus shuttle
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	University of Maryland Hospital Low Vision Program
ADDRESS:	22 S. Greene Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 528-5905
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides services to individuals with low vision impairment. Special eyeglasses or aids are available.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limitations Handicapping Condition: All
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should be referred by an Ophthalmologist.
OFFICE HOURS:	By appointment
FEES:	Sliding Scale
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Vision Systems Phillip Barton
ADDRESS:	3911 York Lane Bowie, Maryland 20715
TELEPHONE:	(301) 262-3665
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Sells low vision aids and talking aids, demonstrates use of aids along with explanation of benefits of aids. Provides group demonstrations to teachers, social workers, students, individuals interested in products. Provides assistance to low vision clinics along with information and referral services. Christian reading material in braille is available.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limit Handicapping Condition: Blind and partially sighted
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call or write to request information as required by need - 262-3665
OFFICE HOURS:	
FEES:	No charge - information services Fixed charge for aids
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Volunteers for the Visually Handicapped
ADDRESS:	4405 East West Highway Bethesda, Maryland 20814
TELEPHONE:	(301) 652-4347
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Volunteers provide reader services, visiting, and tape recording services. Aids and appliances are available for inspection and purchase. Information and referral, short-term counseling for newly blinded persons, and monthly recreational activities are also offered.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Washington Metropolitan area Handicapping Condition: Vision
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call office - 652-4347 or go to agency's office.
OFFICE HOURS:	9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday White Cane Center 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge for volunteer readers and visitors Sliding scale for other services
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Washington County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Box 730 Hagerstown, Maryland 21740
TELEPHONE:	(301) 791-4198
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides assessment and educational programs for all handicapped students ages 0 - 21 living in Washington County.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Washington County Handicapping Condition: All handicapping conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call (301) 791-4198
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	The Washington Ear
ADDRESS:	35 University Boulevard East Silver Spring, Maryland 20901
TELEPHONE:	(301) 681-6636
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides over 112 hours of broadcast of newspapers, magazines, best selling books, special interest programs, shopping and grocery ads each week to handicapped and visually impaired listeners.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia (areas within 35 mile radius of WETA transmitter in Arlington, Virginia) Handicapping Condition: Inability to read printed materials due to visual or physical limitation.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call office at (301) 681-6636 for information and application.
OFFICE HOURS:	Business Office - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday Broadcasts - 6:20 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Weekends
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	No

AGENCY:	Washington Home for the Blind
ADDRESS:	5516 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20011
TELEPHONE:	(202) 882-6153
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a boarding home and lodging for adults.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 25 and over Sex: Both
	Geographic Area:
	Handicapping Condition: Must be ambulatory
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call (202) 745-4300
OFFICE HOURS:	Home is residential program 24 hours a day
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
ADDRESS:	600 5th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001
TELEPHONE:	(201) 637-1245
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Agency provides reduced transit fares for certain persons meeting the eligibility criteria and certified as handicapped by a licensed physician.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: All Sex: Both Geographic Area: Serves entire Metroplitan Washington Area Handicapping Condition: Individuals certified as handicapped by licensed physician based upon eligibility criteria established by Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should call Metro Handicapped Assistance Office at (201) 637-1245 or (201) 637-1246 to request application which can be mailed to applicant. Application must be completed by a licensed physician.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Waxter Center for Senior Citizens
ADDRESS:	861 Park Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21201
TELEPHONE:	(301) 396-1825
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides a broad range of social, educational, recreational, transportation, and health services for senior citizens. (Disabled and non-disabled served).
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 60 and older Sex: Both Geographic Area: Baltimore City Handicapping Condition: All served
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should apply in person. Information available - 396-1825.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
FEES:	$10.00 annual membership fee.
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation; special transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Western Maryland College Helen Keller National Center Graduate Program in Deaf-Blindness
ADDRESS:	Westminister, Maryland 21157
TELEPHONE:	(301) 848-7000 TTY/Voice
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Offers first graduate academic program designed to prepare qualified applicants for a career in working with deaf/blind adults.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: N/A Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limits Handicapping Condition: Handicapped and non-handicapped are encouraged to apply
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact Graduate Studies Office by telephone (301) 848-7000 or by mail.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
FEES:	Tuition and room and board - varies with the individual
TRANSPORTATION:	None provided by the college
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Wicomico County Board of Education
ADDRESS:	Mount Herman Road Salisbury, Maryland 21801
TELEPHONE:	(301) 742-5128
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Services include evaluation, educational and instruction, speech, occupational, and physical therapies.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: 0 - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Wicomico County Handicapping Condition: All handicapping conditions
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact supervisor of special education by calling (301) 742-5128.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Wicomico County Free Library
ADDRESS:	122-6 South Division Street Salisbury, Maryland 21801
TELEPHONE:	(301) 749-5171
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides talking book service to the blind and physically handicapped. Large print books are available. Provides a TTY for community members who need to communicate with deaf individuals. A complete set of instructional video cassettes for sign language is available.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Sex: Both Geographic Area: Eastern Shore of Maryland Handicapping Condition: Blind, deaf, physically handicapped
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	An application is necessary to begin talking book service. The application can be certified by doctor, counselor, nurse, social worker, or librarian.
OFFICE HOURS:	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	No
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	The Wilmer Institute Johns Hopkins Hospital
ADDRESS:	601 N. Broadway Baltimore, Maryland 21205
TELEPHONE:	(301) 955-6275
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	A hospital which provides comprehensive ophthalmological care, including a broad range of specialty areas and support services.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: No limitation Sex: Both Geographic Area: No limitation Handicapping Condition: No requirements
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual may call (301) 955-6275 for clinic appointment, many specialty areas may require a referral from an ophthalmologist.
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday - emergency room open 24 hours
FEES:	Fixed charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Public Transportation
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

AGENCY:	Worcester County Board of Education Office of Special Education
ADDRESS:	P.O. Box 130 Snow Hill, Maryland 21863
TELEPHONE:	(301) 632-2582
PROGRAM/SERVICES:	Provides resource rooms, self contained classes or special school depending upon individual student needs. Instruction is provided in all areas of identified special education needs for each student.
ELIGIBILITY:	Age: Birth - 21 Sex: Both Geographic Area: Worcester County Handicapping Condition: Serves full range of handicaps including specific learning disabilities, mental retardation, speech impaired, visually handicapped (partially seeing and blind), other health impairments, orthopedically impaired, multiple handicapped, hearing impaired, deaf, deaf/blind, seriously emotionally disturbed.
APPLYING FOR SERVICES:	Individual should contact local school in attendance area or may contact Child Find Coordinator at (301) 632-2582
OFFICE HOURS:	8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
FEES:	No charge
TRANSPORTATION:	Transportation to school provided
PHYSICALLY ACCESSIBLE:	Yes

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